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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE ON FRG ANNOUNCEMENT OF NUCLEAR AGREEMENT
WITH BRAZIL

REF: BONN 7079

1. WEEKEND PRESS GAVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO ANNOUNCEMENT BY FRG
MINISTER OF INFORMATION BOELLING THAT GERMAN CABINET HAD APPROVED
AGREEMENT BY WHICH FRG WILL BUILD EIGHT NUCLEAR PLANTS IN BRAZIL
AND FURNISH TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN URANIUM ENRICHMENT
PROCESS IN RETURN FOR BRAZILIAN URANIUM. PRESTIGIOUS "O ESTADO DE
SAO PAULO", MAY 3, RAN ARTICLE UNDER TITLE "GERMAN PLANTS IN BRAZIL",
STATING THAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES CCI WOLVED#US 4.5
BILLION DOLLARS OVER NEXT FIFTEEN YEARS. O ESTADO QUOTED
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"DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES" IN BRASILIA AS COMMENTING THAT APPROVAL

OF PROJECT SIGNIFIES REMOVAL OF LAST PROBLEMS WHICH SURROUNDED UNDERSTANDINGS THAT HAVE BEEN UNDER NEGOTIATION AND WHICH WILL CULMINATE WITH JUNE VISIT TO BONN BY FONMIN SILVEIRA.

2. UNDER TITLE, "BRAZIL UNITES WITH GERMANY IN NUCLEAR FIELD". JORNAL DO BRASIL, MAY 3, REPORTED: " IN CONTRAST TO THE STATEMENT BY ITAMARATY (FONOFF) WHICH LIMITED ITSELF TO THE LACONIC INFORMATION THAT BRAZIL AND WEST GERMANY WILL SIGN QUOTE AN AGREEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WHICH ALSO FORESEES COLLABORATION IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY UNQUOTE, THE GERMANS IN BONN DESCRIBE THE NUCLEAR PROGRAM IN DETAIL."

3. RELATED ARTICLES IN JORNAL DO BRASIL REPORT THAT, BECAUSE OF FRG INVOLVEMENT AND BRAZIL'S NON-ADHERENCE TO THE NPT, THE AGREEMENT WILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE IAEA AND WILL INCLDE "INNUMERABLE SAFEGUARD CLAUSES WHICH ULTIMATELY WILL IMPEDE BRAZIL FROM USING THE PROGRAM OF COOPERATION WITH THE FRG TO DEVELOP ITS OWN NUCLEAR WEAPONS." QUOTING SOURCES IN NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD, O JORNAL DO BRASIL STATED THAT EIGHT TO TEN NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS WILL BE OPERATING BY THE MID-1990'S IN SOUTHEASTERN PART OF COUNTRY, GENERATING AN ESTIMATED 1.2 MILLION MEGAWATTS. SOURCES ADDED THAT IT POSSIBLE THAT ADDITIONAL PLANTS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN OTHER REGIONS, INCLUDING NORTHEAST.

4. ON ROLE OF NUCLEBRAS HEAD, PAULO NOGUEIRA BATISTA, JORNAL DO BRASIL REPORTED THAT "UNOFFICIALLY" IT IS KNOWN THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS PERSONALLY CONDUCTED BY NOGUEIRA BATISTA, WHO , HOWEVER, DECLINED TO COMMENT. OTHER OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY WERE EQUALLY RETICENT. CRIMMINS

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